



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370

Free and Accepted Masons
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THIS MONTH

OCTOBER 2
*STATED MEETING

OCTOBER 14
* MASONIC FORMATION CLASS

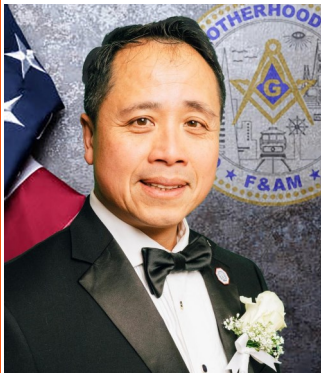
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RESCHEDULED:
TABLE LODGE

From the East

WORSHIPFUL MASTER, JASON HUI



Brethren,
As we welcome the arrival of the fall season, we observe the days growing shorter, the skies turning wet, and the trees shedding their leaves. Who am I kidding, October for San Francisco is anticipation of the coming of Indian Summer. It will be hot for a couple of days. But, in this natural transformation, we bear witness to the profound miracle of nature, which continues to adapt and change not merely for the sake of change, but out of necessity. It runs contrary to nature's essence to resist change and adaptability.

As Freemasons, we comprehend that everything adheres to a natural cycle, and change is an essential aspect of evolution. The alterations we have made and will continue to introduce within our Lodge are imperative for our growth and develop-

ment, preventing us from becoming stagnant, outdated, or irrelevant.

It is our duty to consistently evaluate our processes, discarding inefficiencies and preserving and renewing what works effectively, ensuring the engagement of every member. Each Brother's perspective is invaluable. Without active involvement in our Lodge, progress, evolution, and growth would be unattainable. We would stagnate, lose relevance, and become obsolete. As I have stressed before and will continue to emphasize, each one of us bears the responsibility for our progress, and we do not undertake this journey alone. That is why I hope that all our members come to lodge and meet new members of your lodge and breathe life into our brotherhood.

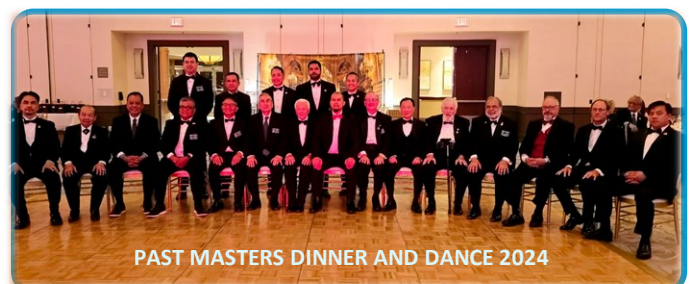
Last month, I traveled to various

counties in Northern California for work. Through my travels, I was able to make some time to meet masons in some of those counties. Even though their lodges are small, they none the less, suffer the same problems the larger lodges like ours also suffer, the lack of membership participation. I learned a great deal of the many methods they tried to bring their attendance up so that their lodge will be livelier to bring in more members. Many of their methods I have also tried during my tenure as your Worshipful Master. Some had positive results, some didn't. But overall, I think I have improved the attendance on our Stated Meetings and participation in events. I hope you, our members, will continue to participate in our lodge and remember that our lodge is there for you to learn and have good fellowship.

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From the West

SENIOR WARDEN, ANIL AWASTI

Greetings Brethren and Friends of the Lodge.

I'm happy to report that September was another great month for us. We began with our monthly Stated Meeting where Worshipful Master **JASON HUI** allowed me to preside over the meeting. I want to thank the entire officer's line for helping with this event. Special shout out to Worshipful Brothers **JASON YEN, REYNO DEL ROSARIO, JAMES GONZALEZ, and ORLANDO ARCE** for providing me with advice when it was needed during the meeting.

Secondly, a big congratulations to Brother **EUGENE Dumlao** who successfully gave his Entered Apprentice proficiency in front of all the brothers during September's Stated Meeting. I'm certain this was especially special for Brother Eugene as

his father, a Past Master, made the trip to our lodge to witness his son's examination. I look forward to Brother Eugene's next degree ceremony.

Next we had to unfortunately reschedule the initiation of 2 applicants due to some officers being away for work. We will send out the updated invite via SignUp Genius in the very near future.

Finally, Worshipful Brother **JAMES GONZALEZ** gave 2 wonderful lectures during the MFC class. As I have mentioned before, this class is growing and it is important that all members of CBL 370 contribute to its success. Thus, I invite you to join a class before the end of the year brethren. Please show up, have some dinner with us, and share your experiences in Free Masonry. The candidates especially will benefit from this as they are pondering if this craft and

our lodge are both a good fit for them.

Anil Awasti
Senior Warden



From the South

JUNIOR WARDEN, BRUCE LYONS

Brethren,

The fall is upon us and we are celebrating the Bavarian festival of Oktoberfest at our stated meeting. Dating back to 1810 as a celebration of the marriage of the King, Oktoberfest is celebrated in Munich Germany. Later it became a celebration of the harvest with beer and good food.

Our Stated Meeting dinner

will be German sausage, pretzels, and more. We will have a German band to celebrate. After dinner, **ROX HUI** will have a chair yoga instructor for the ladies.

Thanks to WB **DIONISIO DELA CRUZ** for organizing a great Past Masters dinner last month.

If you are not receiving the SignUp Genius, please let the stewards know.

The officers would appreciate any feedback on the food – quality, quantity, and more. We need to make sure we are on the right track for future Stated meetings especially for the 2025 Masonic year.

Thanksgiving is in November, so we will celebrate with a traditional feast.

December begins the holidays, so it might be time for

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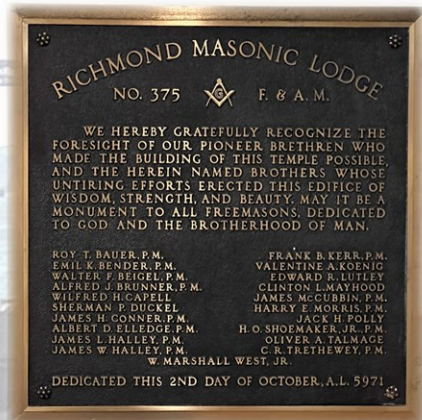
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EDITOR'S NOTE

FRANCIS FELICIANO, SR. P.M.

Just a reminder that no motion can be made unless you have properly notified the Worshipful Master so that he can include it in the meeting agenda. Failure to do so may cause undue delays and your motion may not be recognized nor voted on.

Please reach out to me if you have any comments, concerns, or submissions.
I am open to suggestions and ideas.



IN MEMORIAM

NONE REPORTED

*Soft and safe to thee, my brother, be thy resting place.
Bright and Glorious be thy rising from it. Fragrant be the acacia sprig that there shall flourish.
May the earliest buds of spring unfold their beauties o'er thy resting place, and there, may
the sweetness of the summer's last rose linger longest.*

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As a reward to our members, I would like to remind everyone that I have planned an exciting event to jump start you for the holidays. Please keep the date available for November 16th. It is a party to celebrate you as a member of this lodge and to remind you that we appreciate your commitment to the lodge's wellbeing. So look for the information and updates on our website and Signup Genius.

So remember, as your current Worshipful Master, I personally invite you to all social gatherings and will

receive you with open arms. Especially the degree conferrals that we are planning right now.

Jason Hui
Worshipful Master



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prime rib and Yorkshire pudding. We will enjoy some carolers, too.

December 14th will be our 120th installation. Please make your plans to join us at our lodge – the special ceremony, a wonderful dinner with dancing and music.

Go to our website to see our calendar: [CALENDAR](#) | [CBL 370](#)
Make your plans now to join us for all the events this year.

Bruce Lyons
Junior Warden





OCTOBER 2024 BIRTHDAYS

WOLFGANG DIETRICH LINNENBACH	1	MICHAEL BALOPOULOS, PM	10	MARK JULIAN M BRETT-WARBURTON	29
CHRSTOPHER WILLIAM COLE	1	RODNEY REYNALDO CAROLINO	15		
GERALD ANDREW BENJAMIN	2	KAARE MYKSVOLL	18		
PAUL SEBASTIAN HAMOR	3	DAVID HOWARD LEEDS	18		
REYNO MANUEL DEL ROSARIO, JR., PM	8	PERFECTO S DIZON	23		
ERMANN0 AGOSTINO MATTEUCCI	9	ROBERTO BUENO	26		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!



Columbia Brotherhood Lodge #370

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Celebrate with toast and great evening of fellowship and rivalry

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HAVE YOU BEEN LISTENING? TRIVIA!

1. The first Most Excellent Grand Master: _____
2. Lodges were ANCIENTLY dedicated to this person: _____
3. Lodges at the PRESENT time are dedicated to: _____
4. By this we are taught to regard ALL as ONE family: _____
5. Why the 3 Ruffians turned back into the country: _____
6. In the beginning, God created these: _____
7. An emblem of Innocence: _____
8. Instrument used to measure and lay out work: _____
9. Instrument used to break off rough parts of stones: _____
10. What this illustration denotes: _____

Answers to SEPTEMBER 2024 Trivia

1. The Rule and Guide of Our Faith:
HOLY BIBLE
2. Every regular Lodge is Furnished These:
HOLY BIBLE, SQUARE, AND COMPASS
3. This, denotes Morality:
THE SQUARE
4. This, denotes Equality:
THE LEVEL
5. This, denotes the Rectitude of life:
THE PLUMB
6. Representation of the ground floor of KS's Temple:
THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT
7. The 3 IMMOVABLE Jewels of the Lodge:
THE SQUARE, LEVEL, AND PLUMB
8. The 3 MOVABLE Jewels of the Lodge:
ROUGH ASHLAR, PERFECT ASHLAR, & TRESTLEBOARD
9. Divine attribute and foundation of every virtue:
TRUTH
10. The 3 lights of the lodge are situated here:
EAST, WEST, AND SOUTH

Answers will be posted in the **NOVEMBER 2024 Trestleboard!**



Can you name these Masons in the photo?
From SEPTEMBER 2024 Trestleboard



Answer: from L to R
WB Froilan Ancheta
WB Alex Ellescas
WB Augusto Tagaro



Who's Who?

Can you name these Masons in the photo?
Answers will be in the NOVEMBER 2024 Trestleboard



EDITOR'S BLUNDER:

It was brought to my attention that an error was made in the September 2024 Trestleboard regarding GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE, which was erroneously reported as being Lodge **No. 640**.

After further research, the following information should be recognized and a correction should be noted:

As it turns out, there were 2 GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGEs which were not related. GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 62 was from the CHINESE CAMP who consolidated with TUOLUMNE LODGE NO. 8.

GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 525 was the second Lodge to bear the name. They met at PARNASSUS LODGE No. 338 until they owned their own temple.

VERITAS NO. 640 was chartered on October 14, 1926 and merged with JONATHAN NO. 545 to become VERITAS-JONATHAN NO. 545 and who merged with AMITY-SEAL ROCK NO. 370 and became AMITY-SEAL ROCK NO. 370. Hence, the correct Lodge No. is **GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 525** which later merged with FAIRMOUNT LODGE #435 to become **GEORGE WASHINGTON #435**.

Thank you brothers for being alert. To further explain our lodge's history, please note the following script, authored by our very own **NICK RAISIS**, Past Master 1986.

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**Have you ever wondered about the history of our lodge, or why it has two names?**

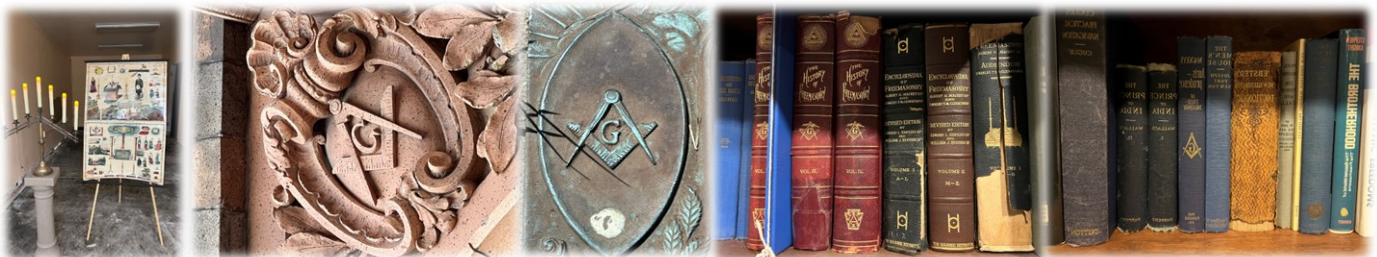
Columbia Brotherhood is the result of two lodges (Columbia #388 and Brotherhood #370) consolidating on October 12, 2005, and moving to our current location.

Both the names Columbia and Brotherhood were the result of earlier consolidations.

In May of this year, I was having dinner with WM JASON HUI and PM FRANCIS FELICIANO at the California Grand York Rite meeting when we started talking about Columbia Lodge and how it started. Jason asked me to write an article about Columbia's early beginnings. If this article seems biased toward Columbia, it is because I was as Senior Deacon for Alta Vista Mt. Vernon when this happened. So here I go.

The Columbia side of the lodge we know today is the result of two lodges, Argonaut-Argonne #461, and Alta Vista-Mt. Vernon #464, consolidating on April 4, 1983. During the talks between the two lodges, it was felt that a new name for the new lodge be considered. Several names were considered, with Columbia becoming the favorite. But our new lodge name was not because of the masonic building in the town of Columbia or anything of a past historic level. We were a new lodge with a new beginning, and there was a new era in space exploration just beginning, the SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM, and one of the new shuttles was named COLUMBIA. Hence, we became Columbia Lodge #461. There was even a lapel pin made of a space shuttle saying Columbia #461. Our meeting location was the Scottish Rite Temple on the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> Ave and Sloat Blvd.

On July 1, 1987, Columbia consolidated with Balder Lodge #393, becoming Columbia-Balder #393. Per the con-





solidation talks, the name Balder was dropped after a few years and we became Columbia #393. Still meeting at the Scottish Rite Temple.

On December 1, 1990, Parnassus-Presidio #388 consolidated with Columbia becoming Columbia #388. With this consolidation, the Parnassus building was sold as no Masonic building could have a vacant owner. This building was at the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> Ave and Judah St, with a small parking lot that was shared with several business. We still stayed at the Scottish Rite Temple.

You will notice that after each consolidation, whoever had the lowest lodge number became Columbia's number.

Our last consolidation occurred on October 12, 2005, with Brotherhood Lodge #370, becoming Columbia-Brotherhood #370 and moving to our present location. As I mentioned earlier, Brotherhood itself was an umbrella name for several former lodges.



Here is a list of the lodge names that comprise Columbia-Brotherhood Lodge #370's history, with their charter dates:

Presidio #354 (1903); Amity #370 (1905); Richmond #375 (1906); Parnassus #388 (1907); Balder #393 (1908); Fairmount #435 (1913); Argonaut #461 (1916); Alta Vista #464 (1916); Argonne #514 (1922); Mt. Vernon #517 (1922); George Washington #525 (1922); Seal Rock #536 (1922); Military Service #570 (1923); Jonathan #545 (1923); Veritas #640 (1926); and Hunters Point Naval #706 (1950).

### So how did so many lodges end up as Columbia Brotherhood #370?

On the Columbia side: Alta Vista consolidated with Mt Vernon on December 2, 1968; Argonaut consolidated with Argonne on December 5, 1968; and Parnassus consolidated with Presidio on December 1, 1969.

For Brotherhood: Amity #370 consolidated with Seal Rock #536 on March 1, 1963 to become Amity Seal Rock #370; Jonathan #545 consolidated with Veritas #640 on December 3, 1963 to become Jonathan Veritas #545; Richmond #375 consolidated with Military Services #570 on July 1, 1974 to become **Brotherhood #375**; Hunters Point Naval #706 consolidated with George Washington #435 on July 1, 1975 to become George Washington #435; on December 1, 1975, Jonathan Veritas #545 consolidated with Amity Seal Rock #370 to become Amity #370; Amity then consolidated with Brotherhood #375 on July 1, 1987 to become Brotherhood #370. George Washington #435 consolidated with Brotherhood #370 November 1, 1992.

So, even though Columbia Brotherhood turns twenty-five next year, you can see that our Masonic roots extend back over 121 years. Some with interesting traditions, such as Balder's version of "CHEERS." Balder had Scandinavian roots and their version of CHEERS was a sing song of SKOUL done from low to louder three times and on the fourth time SKOUL was very loudly stated.

For more information about these lodges, you can check the Grand Lodge website and go to the resources tab and then proceedings archives. You may also check with our lodge secretary to see what information he may have in the lodge library. I also want to thank **JORDAN YELINEK**, the Assistant Grand Secretary for his help on obtaining the history of this lodge.

Fraternally,

Nick Raisis, PM 1986



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## THE HISTORY OF COLUMBIA BROTHERHOOD LODGE #370



### AMITY #370

Chartered October 12, 1905

### SEAL ROCK #536

Chartered October 10, 1922

### AMITY - SEAL ROCK #370

Consolidated (AMITY Charter) March 1, 1963

### JONATHAN #545

Chartered October 11, 1923

### VERITAS #640

Chartered October 12, 1928

### VERITAS - JONATHAN #545

Consolidated (JONATHAN Charter) December 2, 1963

### ALTA VISTA #464

Chartered October 12, 1916

### MOUNT VERNON #517

Chartered October 12, 1922

### ALTA VISTA - MOUNT VERNON #464

Chartered (ALTA VISTA Charter) December 2, 1968

### ARGONAUT #461

Chartered October 12, 1916

### ARGONNE #514

Chartered October 12, 1922

### ARGONAUT - ARGONE #461

Consolidated (ARGONAUT Charter) December 5, 1968

### PRESIDIO #354

Chartered October 16, 1903

### PARNASSUS #388

Chartered October 10, 1907

### PARNASSUS-PRESIDIO #388

Consolidated (PARNASSUS Charter) December 1, 1969

### RICHMOND #375

Chartered October 11, 1906

### MILITARY SERVICE #570

Chartered October 12, 1923

### BROTHERHOOD #375

Consolidated (RICHMOND Charter) July 1, 1974

### FAIRMONT #435

Chartered October 16, 1913

### GEORGE WASHINGTON #525

Chartered October 12, 1922

### GEORGE WASHINGTON #435

Consolidated (FAIRMONT Charter) December 3, 1974



### HUNTER'S POINT NAVAL #706

Chartered October 12, 1950

### GEORGE WASHINGTON #435

Consolidated (FAIRMONT Charter) December 3, 1974

### GEORGE WASHINGTON #435

Consolidated (FAIRMONT Charter) July 1, 1975

### AMITY - SEAL ROCK #370

Consolidated (AMITY Charter) March 1, 1963

### VERITAS - JONATHAN #545

Consolidated (JONATHAN Charter) December 1, 1963

### AMITY #370

Consolidated (AMITY Charter) December 1, 1975

### ALTA VISTA - MOUNT VERNON #464

Chartered (ALTA VISTA Charter) December 2, 1968

### ARGONAUT - ARGONE #461

Consolidated (ARGONAUT Charter) December 5, 1968

### COLUMBIA #461

Consolidated (ARGONAUT Charter) April 4, 1983

### BROTHERHOOD #375

Consolidated (RICHMOND Charter) July 1, 1974

Chartered October 12, 1916

### AMITY #370

Consolidated (AMITY Charter) December 1, 1975

### BROTHERHOOD #370

Consolidated (AMITY Charter) July 1, 1987

### COLUMBIA #461

Consolidated (ARGONAUT Charter) April 4, 1983

### BALDER #393

Consolidated October 15, 1908

### COLUMBIA - BALDER #393

Consolidated (BALDER Charter) July 1, 1987

### COLUMBIA - BALDER #393

Consolidated (BALDER Charter) July 1, 1987

### PARNASSUS-PRESIDIO #388

Consolidated (PARNASSUS Charter) December 1, 1969

### COLUMBIA #388

Consolidated (PARNASSUS Charter) December 1, 1990

### GEORGE WASHINGTON #435

Consolidated (FAIRMONT Charter) July 1, 1975

### BROTHERHOOD #370

Consolidated (AMITY Charter) July 1, 1987

### BROTHERHOOD #370

Consolidated (AMITY Charter) November 1, 1992

### COLUMBIA #388

Consolidated (PARNASSUS Charter) December 1, 1990

### BROTHERHOOD #370

Consolidated (AMITY Charter) November 1, 1992

### COLUMBIA - BROTHERHOOD #370

Consolidated (AMITY Charter) August 1, 2005







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## Important reminder from the Master

I hope that you and your family are well and safe.

Just a reminder that as Master Masons, we are responsible for all of our actions, to meet on the level, act upon the plumb, and part upon the square. We are held to a higher standard. Let us all lead by example and admonish errors by our brothers and continue to improve ourselves in freemasonry.

**Jason Hui**  
Master 2024

